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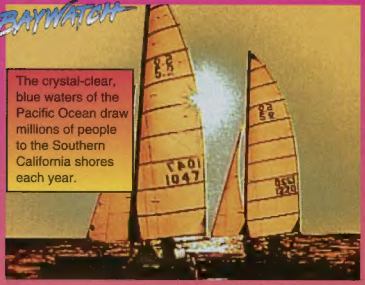
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The crystal-clear, blue waters of the Pacific Ocean draw millions of people to the Southern California shores each year.


Some come for the sun...


...others simply to relax.


Whatever the reason, the result is almost always the same-- PURE FUN.


And that's precisely
the story on this day.


Beautiful people
in a beautiful world.


With wind in their
sails and adrenaline
pumping, everything
is going perfectly.
Until danger strikes.
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A sudden wind shift causes the sailboat to capsize--sinking it within moments--



--without help, the passengers would surely die.



Thankfully, that kind of help DOES exist.

Help in the form of REAL-LIFE HEROES-- the men and women of BAYWATCH.

For Mitch Buchannon and his crew, the act of saving lives is nothing out of the ordinary.



It's a way of life.



IN YOUR FACE

FROM ACCLAIM COMICS®

ARMED & DANGEROUS™

ALL-NEW ARMED & DANGEROUS #1

By Bob Hall

The mob war between Arcko and Lanyon rages on. Lanyon has decided it's time to take out Arcko and the Donovans. One of his first targets is Eddy and his mom's apartment! A brand-new arc starts this issue as Bob Hall continues his exciting saga of the back alleys of New York City, as told from the perspective of Eddy's Uncle Charly, long thought killed in the Brooklyn Bridge Massacre. Realistic story-telling featuring real life New York places highlight this dark and compelling novel of the streets. Not for the squeamish or the faint of heart.



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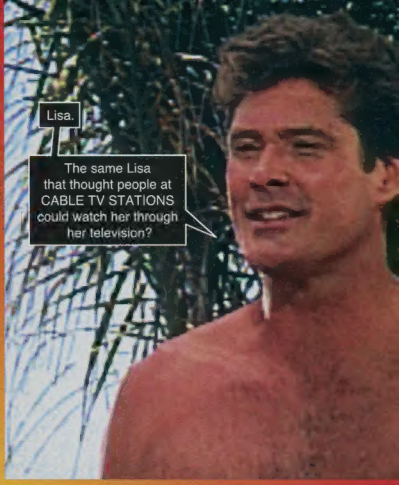

Another day on the beach begins as Matt and Caroline prepare to start their shift..
I can't believe this heat.
I know--I had the air on all night.
I bet it's 90 degrees and it's not even 10:00 AM yet.
This is your first summer at Baywatch, isn't it?
Yeah, why?
Welcome to the Santa Ana, Caroline. The hot winds come in from the desert and heat up the whole area for a few days.
...And I don't know why, but it always brings out the weirdos.
Great--unbearable heat...And a beach full of kooks! How lucky can a girl get?!


A little while later...
Kinda weird about that sailboat this morning, huh, Mitch?
Hmm? Oh. It was a defect in the fiberglass. They were lucky they were so close to the beach.
It could have gone at any time.


You don't BELIEVE that, do you?
Come ON! Think of all the strange things that've been happening.
That lady I saved yesterday was a CHAMPION SWIMMER when she was younger. And she just suddenly FORGOT how to swim?

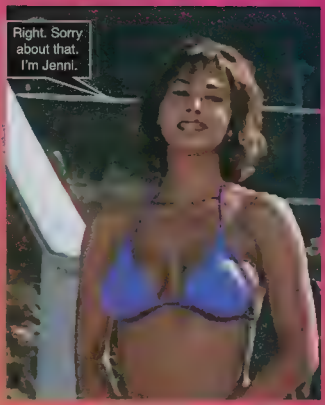

CJ, she was almost 90 years old. It's not surprising that she's a little forgetful.

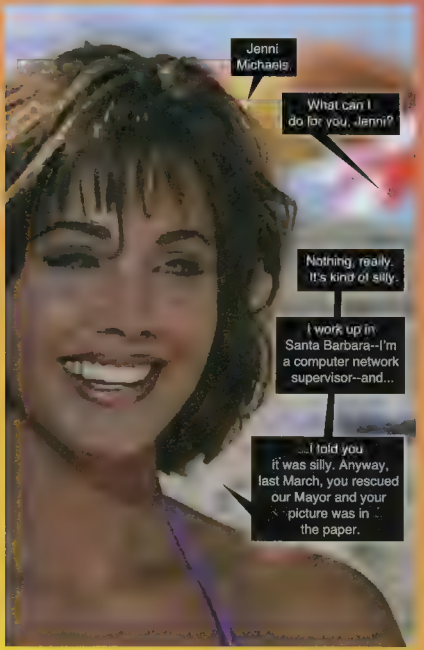

MITCH! It's the Santa Ana--the RED WINDS! My friend Lisa says it's going to get like EXTRA WEIRD now, 'cause the STARS are all in ALIGNMENT and everything.

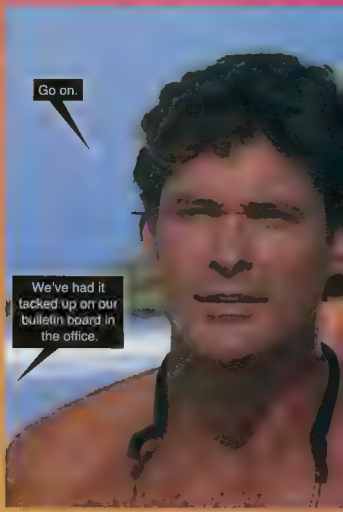

Lisa.
The same Lisa that thought people at CABLE TV STATIONS could watch her through her television?

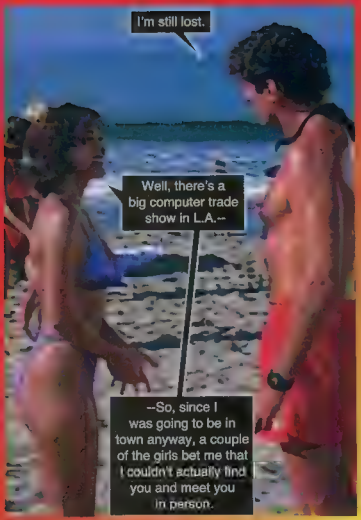

Right.
Listen, CJ, I've got to run now, but I want you to do me a favor.
So she's a little eccentric! It doesn't change the facts of ASTRONOMY, Mitch!
Keep track of anything out of the ordinary in the next few days and give me a complete report.
Can you do that for me?
You've got it!

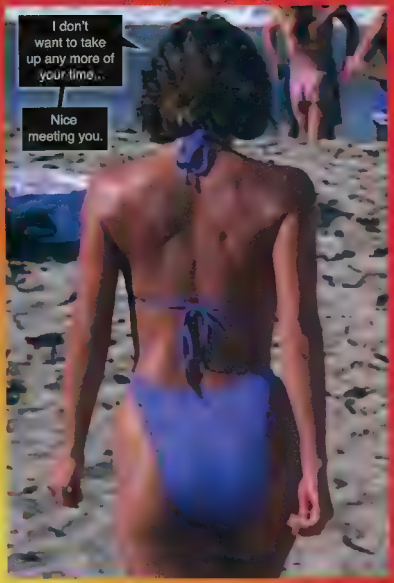

Late morning.
Hey--you wouldn't happen to be Mitch Buchannon, would you?
Yes, as a matter of fact, I am.
But, I'm afraid you have me at a disadvantage. I don't know YOUR name.

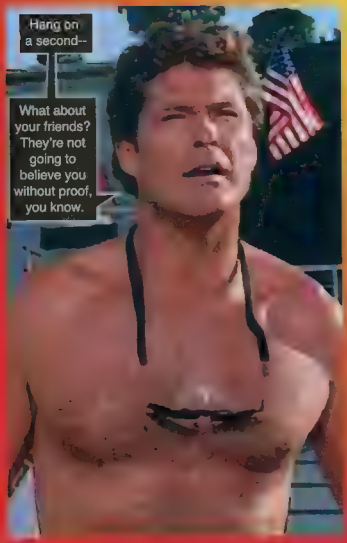

Right. Sorry about that. I'm Jenni.


Jenni Michaels.
What can I do for you, Jenni?
Nothing, really. It's kind of silly.
I work up in Santa Barbara--I'm a computer network supervisor--and...
I told you it was silly. Anyway, last March, you rescued our Mayor and your picture was in the paper.


Go on.
We've had it tacked up on our bulletin board in the office.


I'm still lost.
Well, there's a big computer trade show in L.A.--
--So, since I was going to be in town anyway, a couple of the girls bet me that I couldn't actually find you and meet you in person.


I don't want to take up any more of your time...
Nice meeting you.


Hang on a second--
What about your friends? They're not going to believe you without proof, you know.


What do you suggest?
How about we take a picture together? After dinner tonight.

Two miles to the northwest.

Someone has been deliberately sabotaging Dr.Bobby Boyd's ecological experiments on the ocean's coral reef.



Last night he sat quietly aboard his boat, less than a quarter mile away, and watched a flurry of activity in the same vicinity of his tests



Today he intends to find out what they were doing down there...



And why


Several minutes later.
Bobby's detective work begins to pay off as he uncovers the proof he's been searching for
But ..
he's not alone
Suddenly, he is attacked from both sides--there is nowhere to run

SLIDERS

SLIDERS:DARKEST HOUR #1

By D.G. Chichester, Dick Giordano, Mike DeCarlo

The seeds of betrayal have been planted! The shadows have grown all season! Now, with their home Earth only a single world away, one of Quinn Mallory's closest friends is about to make a fatal decision!

The events of Sliders: Ultimatum have left the team even more determined to get home than before. Enough clues have been laid down for Quinn and Professor Arturo to rig one final slide. But what will become of the team once they return? Who will get the credit—or infamy—for discovering the multiverse?

Acclaim Comics launches its third and most ambitious Sliders yet with Darkest Hour, a story that springs out of events from the hit Fox TV series on Friday nights at 8 pm — just before X-Files! Series creator Tracy Torme has a great love for the comics, and contributes ideas and upcoming developments directly to the storyline.

This miniseries also boasts improved color processing, making it even more vivid and dynamic than before!

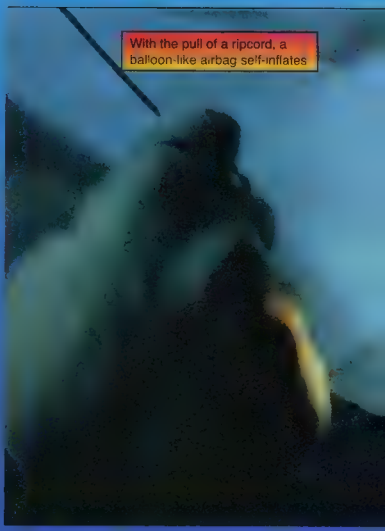


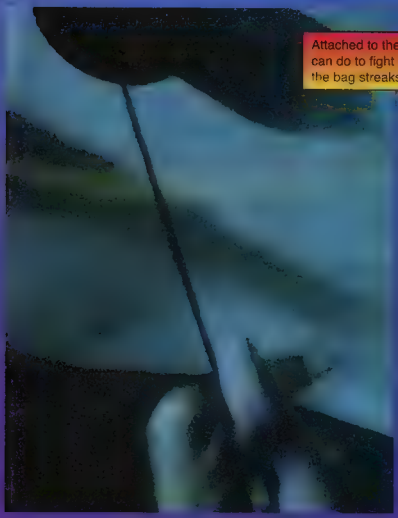

Bobby lashes out at one attacker, struggling to break free.

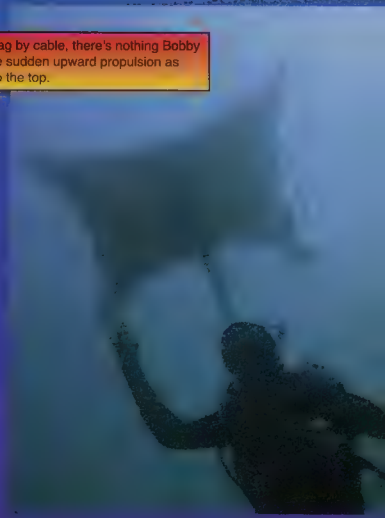



He evades one, but the other latches on, attaching a thin cable to Bobby's back


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With the pull of a ripcord, a balloon-like airbag self-inflates

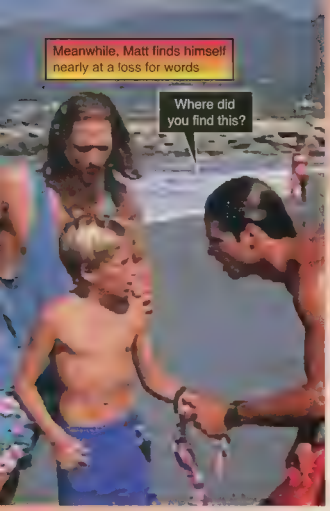



Attached to the bag by cable, there's nothing Bobby can do to fight the sudden upward propulsion as the bag streaks to the top.


The bends, the bane of every diver's existence.
Rising too fast, the nitrogen levels in his bloodstream are imbalanced.




The result: **Unconsciousness.**


Meanwhile, Matt finds himself nearly at a loss for words
Where did you find this?


Over there.
That lady took it off and threw it up on the beach.

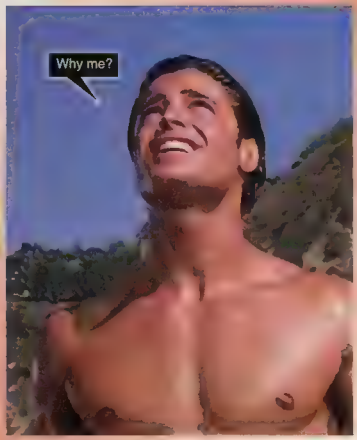



Pardon me-- Miss?
I think you lost something.


No.
I know where it is. I took it off on purpose.


It's against the law to go topless on this beach.
I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask you to put your bikini top back on.

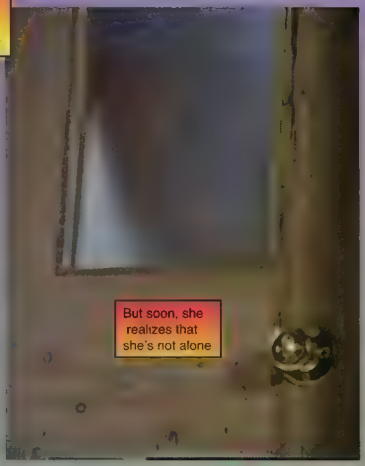

...what if I take my bikini BOTTOMS off, too?
Well...if it's against the law to go topless...


Why me?



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That afternoon, Stephanie decides to search Bobby's apartment for some clue about his attack... while he lay unconscious in a decompression chamber

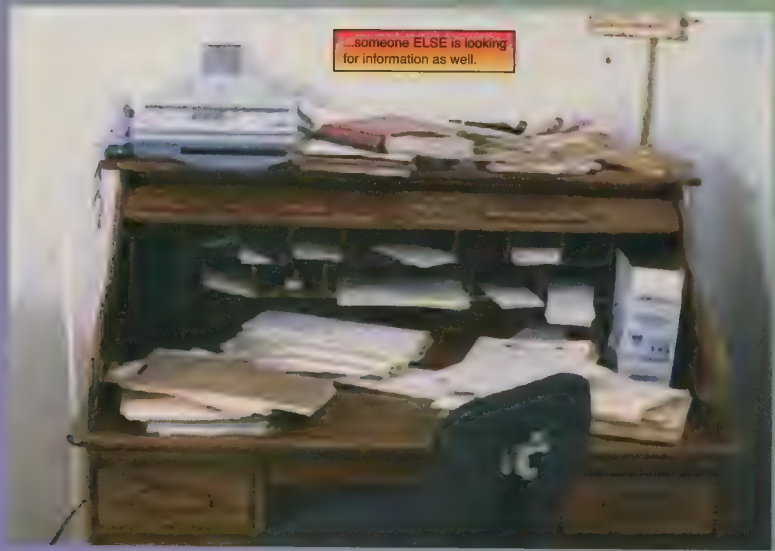

But soon, she realizes that she's not alone



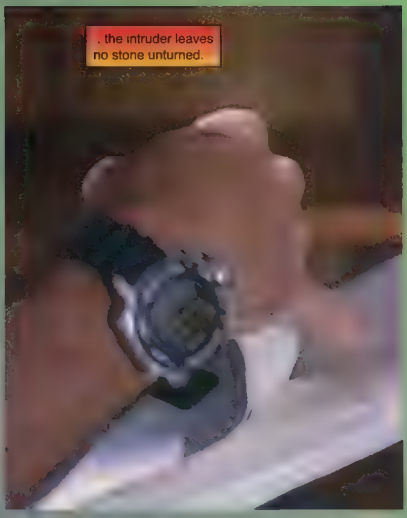

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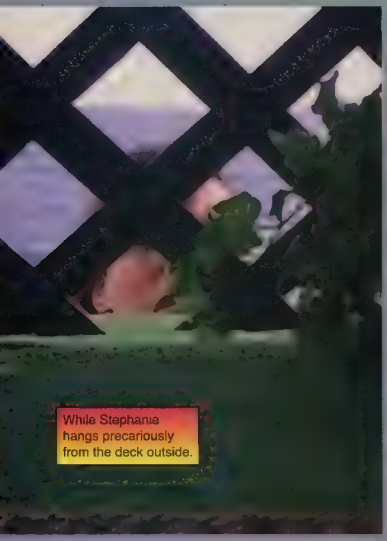

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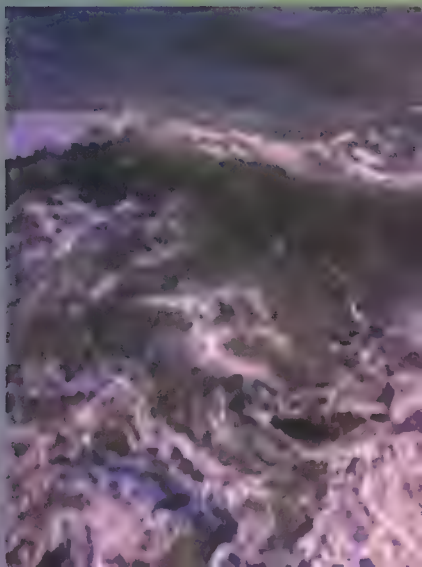

Apparently...


...someone ELSE is looking for information as well.

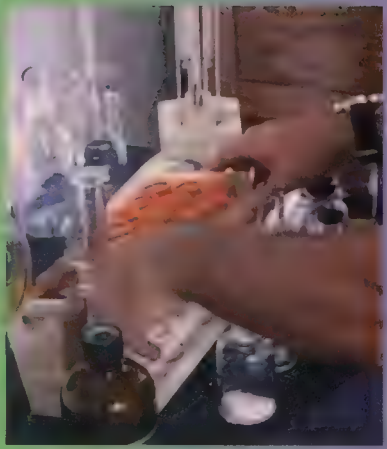

Slowly, methodically...


...the intruder leaves no stone unturned.


While Stephanie hangs precariously from the deck outside.




Minutes pass .




Until finally, with her muscles near exhaustion--


--she hears the intruder leave, allowing her to climb to safety.


Mitch's tower on the beach
Hey, Mitch. I've been waiting for you.
Jenni--I didn't expect to see you so soon.
Well...I got to thinking about what you said--about the picture.
And dinner.
Were you serious?
I never kid a lady.


If I'd known it was this easy for a small 'town computer nerd to get a date with a famous lifeguard, I'd have come down here a lot sooner.


How else is a girl supposed to accessorize?
Now, hold on--I thought you were joking about that computer thing.
You're not going to wear thick glasses and a pocket protector to dinner, are you?


What time do you want to meet for dinner?
You've got a point.
Say, 8:00? Back here?
Great.
Oh, and Mitch--
Yeah?
I'll bring my pocket protector if you bring your swim trunks. See you at eight.

IN YOUR FACE

FROM ACCLAIM COMICS

SLIDERS

SLIDERS SPECIAL #1

By Jerry O'Connell & Jackson Guice

By special arrangement with MCA/Universal, actor Jerry O'Connell has written this extra special issue from Acclaim Comics! O'Connell, of course, stars as Quinn Mallory, the inventor of the parallel world-jumping "Slider" technology on the super-hot Fox TV-series, Sliders!

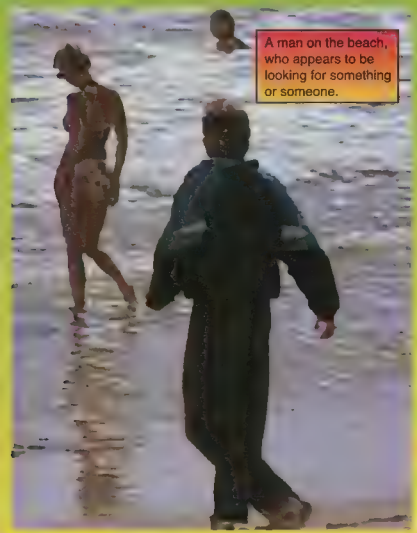
But... is O'Connell any good or is this just another gimmick to sell comics? The answer to both of these questions is a definite YES! O'Connell, who has also starred in the Stephen King/Rob Reiner classic "Stand By Me," and this summer's first MTV motion picture, "Joe's Apartment" (the one with all the cockroaches), delivers a Sliders story of surprising wit... and gritty depth.

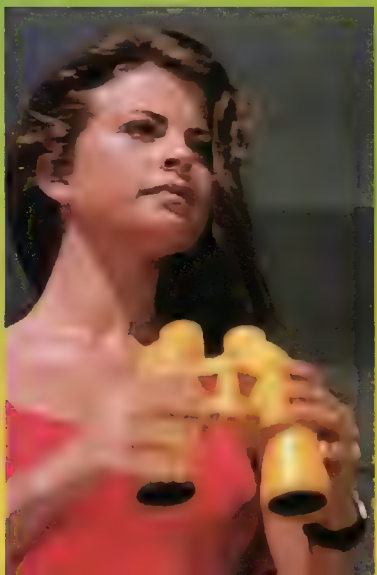
Based on an episode treatment of O'Connell's deemed "too dark for prime time," the Sliders arrive on an alternate Earth where, in order to avoid political ruination, J. Edgar Hoover moved to legalize drug use in the United States! Now, in 1996, Timothy Leary leads a Grunge movement against steroid pumped Narc Squads in a vainglorious effort to halt the narcotization of a nation! Naturally, Quinn Mallory, Professor Arturo, Rembrandt, and Wade get caught up in the action! But where drugs come into play, even the noblest of heroes can find their limitations...

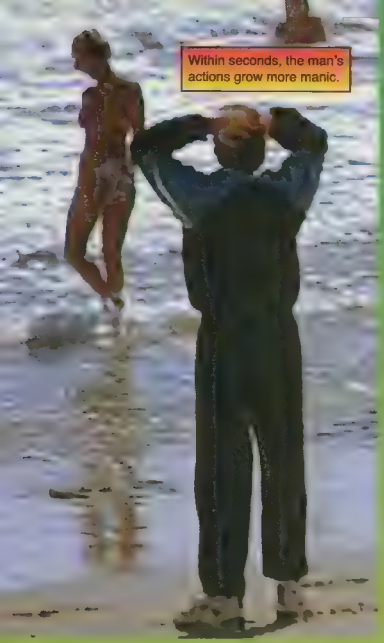


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Later, at Tower 18, Caroline spots something suspicious

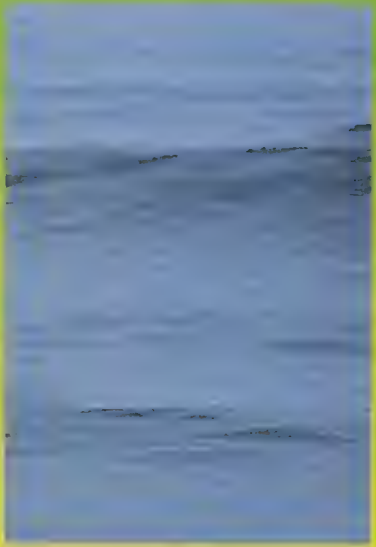

A man on the beach, who appears to be looking for something or someone.




Within seconds, the man's actions grow more manic.


Help...
Don't they see her?


She's calling me out there.
Why doesn't anyone else see her?!

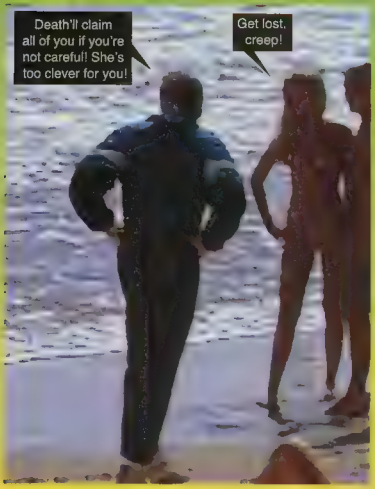



You see her don't you?!
Out in the water!


It's Death--isn't it? She wants me to swim out to her!


She says...
She says its my time...


Although Caroline can't hear the man, she can tell that something strange is going on


Death'll claim all of you if you're not careful! She's too clever for you!
Get lost, creep!


No one...
No one can stop her from getting what she wants.

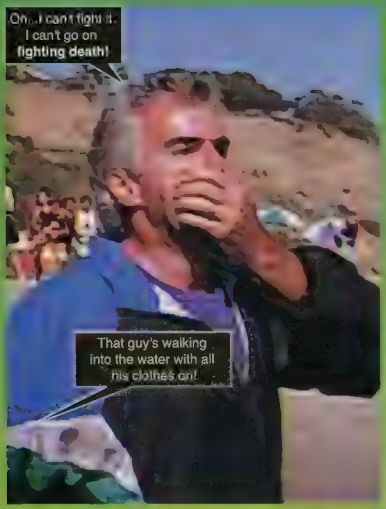
DOES THE SUIT MAKE THE MAN?



A TEST OF METTLE, A CLASH OF WILLS!

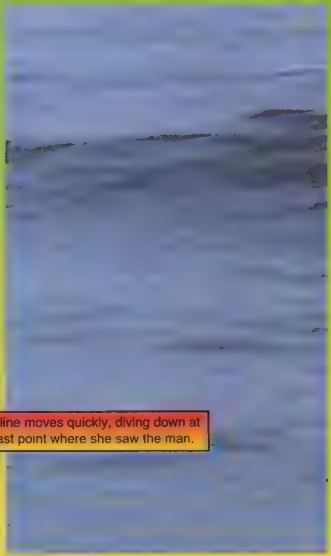
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Oh... I can't fight it. I can't go on fighting death!
That guy's walking into the water with all his clothes on!



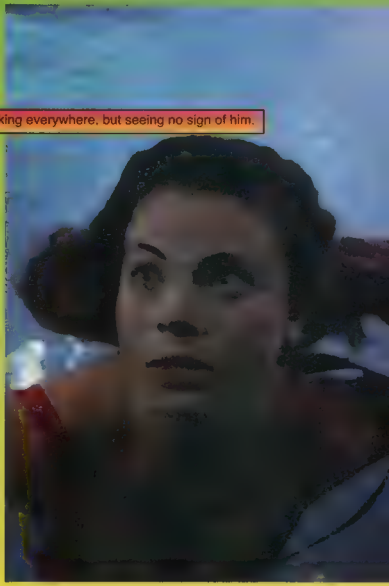

SPLASH


Caroline moves quickly, diving down at the last point where she saw the man.

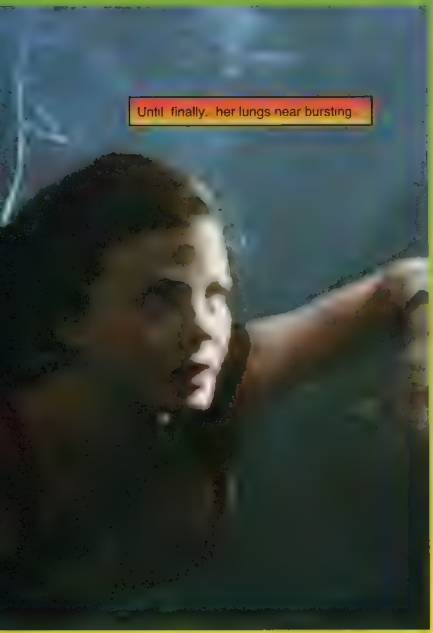

Where did he go?

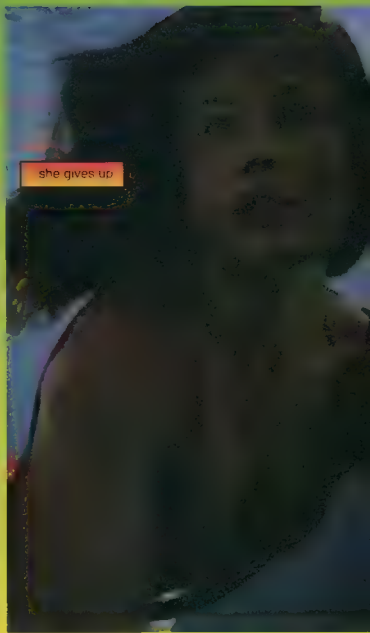

Again, she goes down
...mentally dividing her search area into quadrants




...looking everywhere, but seeing no sign of him.

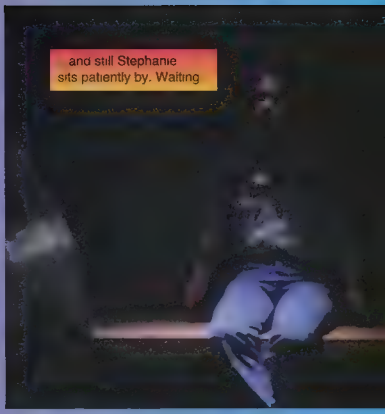

The shallow bay floor reveals nothing, giving up
no secrets, but still Caroline searches.

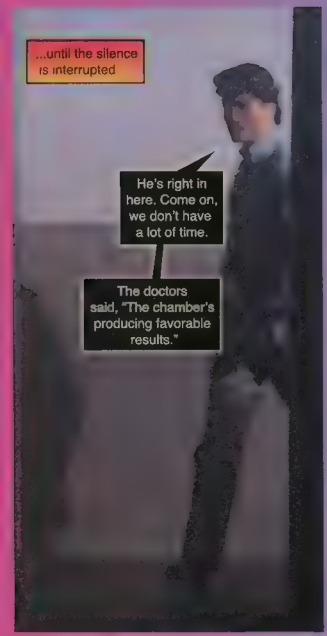

Until finally, her lungs near bursting

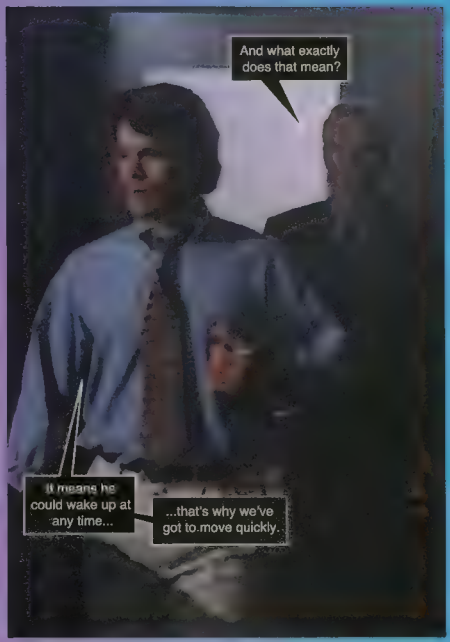

she gives up

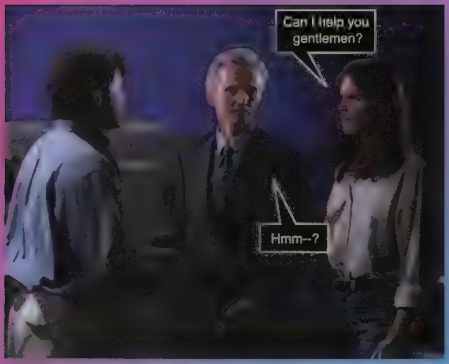

Inside the Pacifica Institute, Bobby lies unconscious in a decompression chamber.
I wish you could hear me, Bobby.
You can't believe how worried I've been.
What were you doing out there? What was so important that someone could do this to you? You could have died!

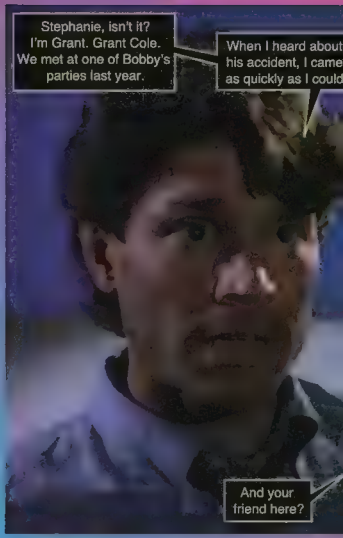

Long minutes turn into hours

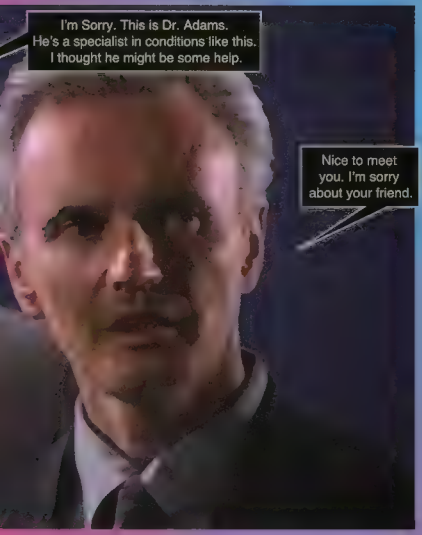

and still Stephanie sits patiently by. Waiting


...until the silence is interrupted
He's right in here. Come on, we don't have a lot of time.
The doctors said, "The chamber's producing favorable results."

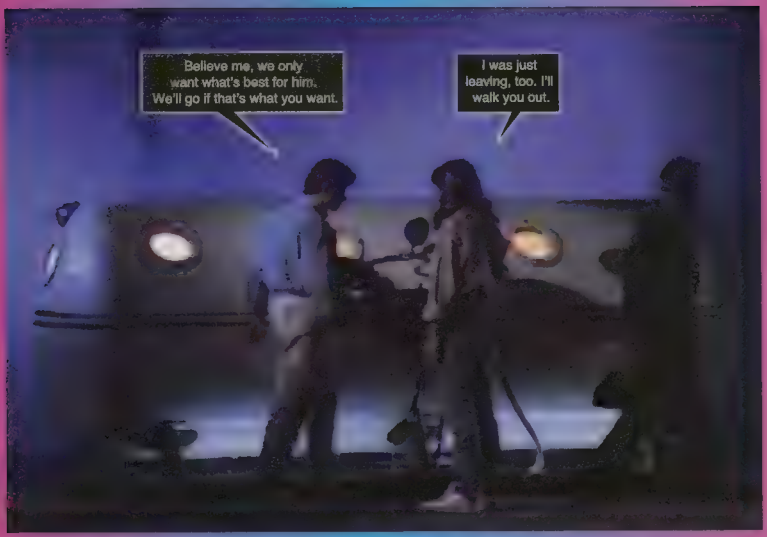

And what exactly does that mean?
It means he could wake up at any time...
...that's why we've got to move quickly.


Can I help you gentlemen?
Hmm--?


Stephanie, isn't it? I'm Grant. Grant Cole. We met at one of Bobby's parties last year.
When I heard about his accident, I came as quickly as I could
And your friend here?


I'm Sorry. This is Dr. Adams. He's a specialist in conditions like this. I thought he might be some help.
Nice to meet you. I'm sorry about your friend.


Thanks, but Bobby already has a physician. Several, actually.
And I think they'd be more than a little uncomfortable with the idea of someone else being brought in.


Believe me, we only want what's best for him. We'll go if that's what you want.
I was just leaving, too. I'll walk you out.


Less than five minutes later, there's a small, almost imperceptible flicker of eyelids.

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And suddenly. . consciousness returns

Early the next morning.



Determined to find the reason for her friend's attack, Stephanie returns to the exact spot where he was found and prepares to dive.




That creep that busted into Bobby's apartment didn't act like he found anything.
What could Bobby have known that would make someone try to kill him?
I can't risk telling the police yet... not until I've got something real for them to go on.
I'm not going to ge anywhere up here
I've got to see the site of the experiment.


Within minutes, she's into her gear and begins her descent.


Miles away, on the beach
EXCUSE me.
Do you mind, honey? We're a little BUSY right now.
What?
AHEM. I said EXCUSE ME
You can't do... at you're doing... on the beach.
Listen, Sweetie. At our age you have to strike when the iron's hot, know what I mean?
Fine, but if you're still here when I come back, I'm going to have to ask you to leave.
Now, why don't you do us a favor and walk away, okay?

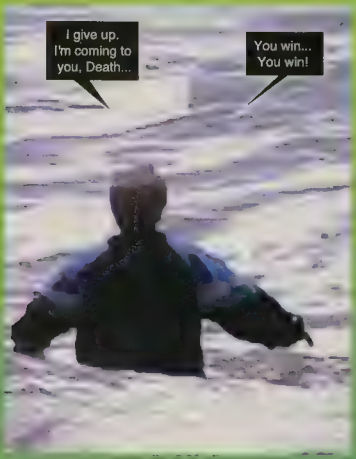

I can't believe the nuts that are out today. You'll never guess what I was just dealing with... Hey, what are you watching?
I'm trying to spot somebody. Remember the guy I was telling you about?
That, "End-of-the-world" type--the one who just disappeared?
Yeah, I thought I saw him awhile ago. Maybe I was wrong
Well, you'll have to give me an update later.
I promised Matt I'd help him move some gear and I'm running late. Good luck!


Several minutes later.
I know that's him--it has to be.


Bingo! I knew he'd come back!



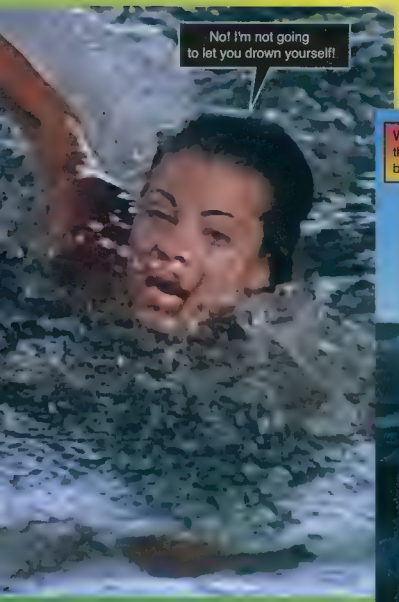

I'm here!
I hear you!!

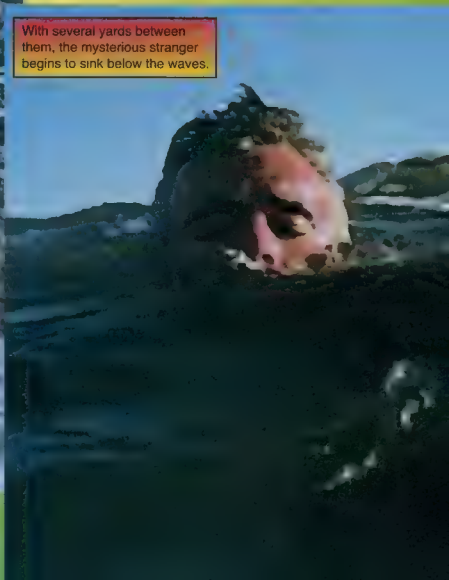

i give up. I'm coming to you, Death...
You win... You win!

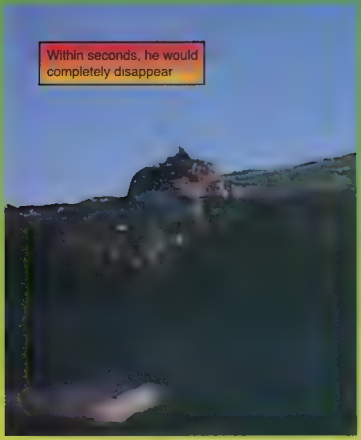

NO! Don't go into the water!

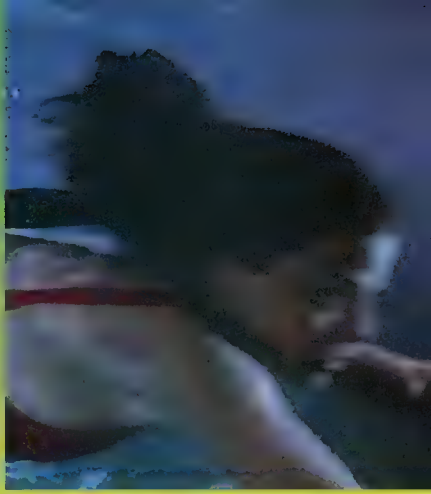

Stop where you are! Don't go any further!
You win, Death... I'm yours.
With well-honed skills and a practiced grace, Caroline plunges into the water.

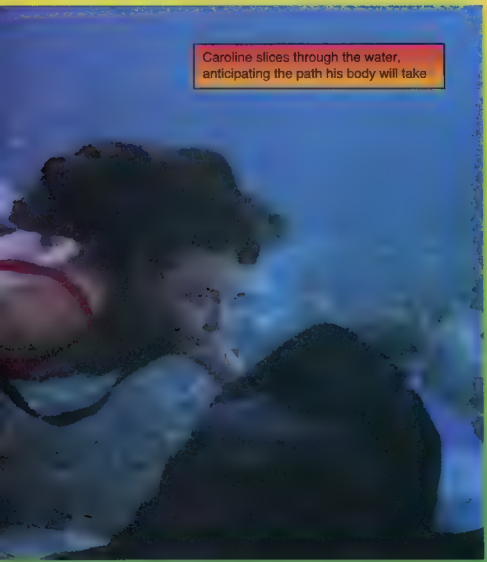

What are you doing? Leave me alone!
Don't you understand?! It's over.


No! I'm not going to let you drown yourself!


With several yards between them, the mysterious stranger begins to sink below the waves.


Within seconds, he would completely disappear




Caroline slices through the water, anticipating the path his body will take


...At last she grasps onto the drowning man

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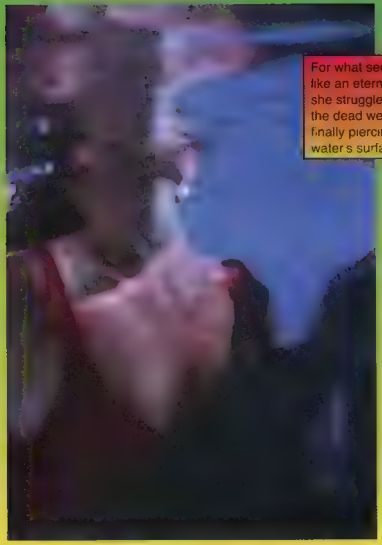


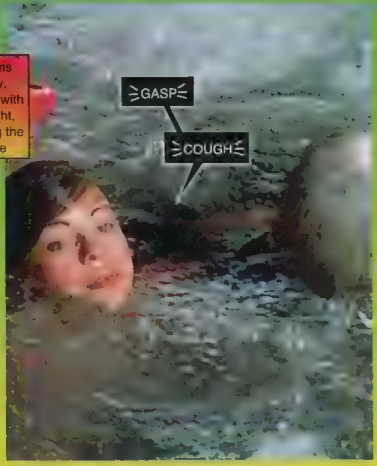
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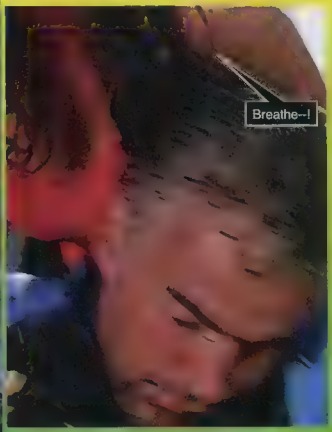
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For what seems like an eternity, she struggles with the dead weight, finally piercing the water's surface


≥GASP≤
≥COUGH≤

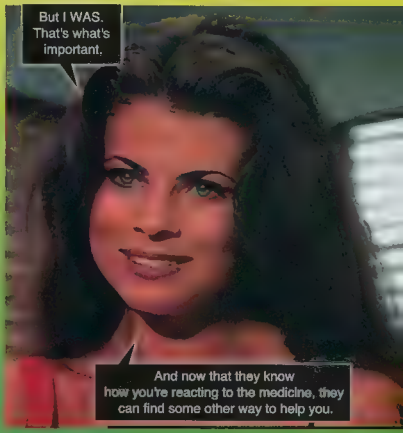

All ≥GASP≤ right...
You're not going to die...


Breathe--!


Moments later. In the Baywatch headquarters
You gave me quite a scare back there, Mr. Cordier.

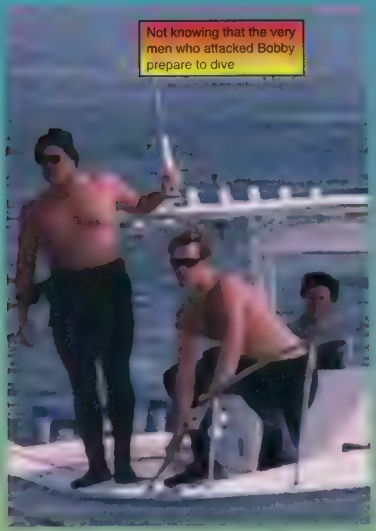

I'm sorry. I haven't felt myself since I had surgery. I'm very ashamed of how I behaved.
Don't be. The paramedics explained everything to me.
It was your PAIN MEDICINE that caused you to act that way. There was nothing you could do. You simply reacted to the hallucination.


But it was so real. If you hadn't BEEN there..

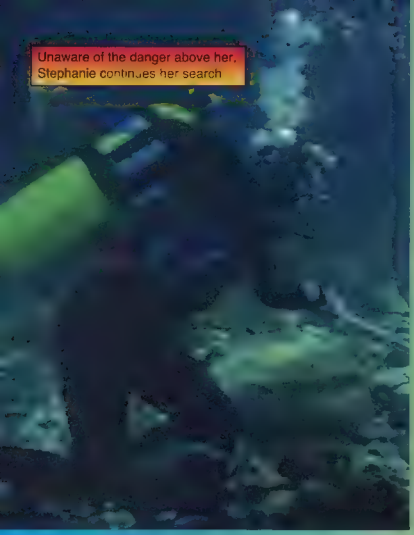

But I WAS. That's what's important.
And now that they know how you're reacting to the medicine, they can find some other way to help you.

Meanwhile, Stephanie dives lower, swimming toward the site of her friend's experiments

Not knowing that the very men who attacked Bobby prepare to dive

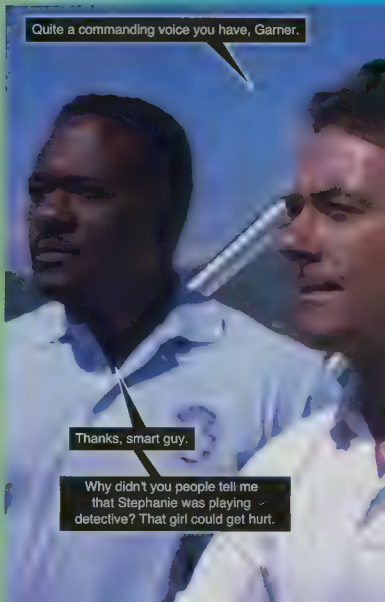


..Intent on doing the same to her... or worse


Unaware of the danger above her, Stephanie continues her search

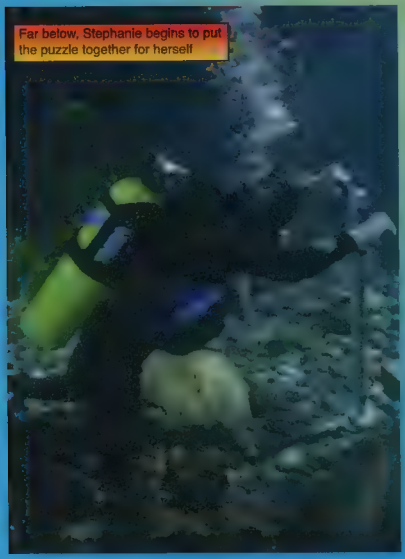

Hey, Grant! We've got company!


Stay where you are. This is the police. Do not start your engine.

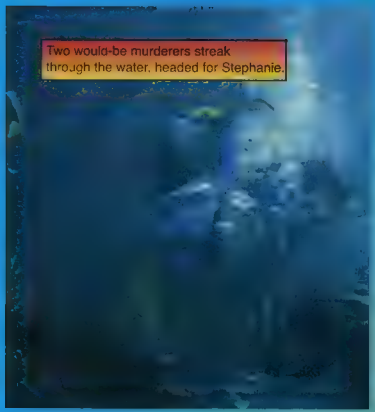

Quite a commanding voice you have, Garner.
Thanks, smart guy.
Why didn't you people tell me that Stephanie was playing detective? That girl could get hurt.


Because we didn't know.
If Bobby hadn't woken up this morning, we probably still wouldn't.

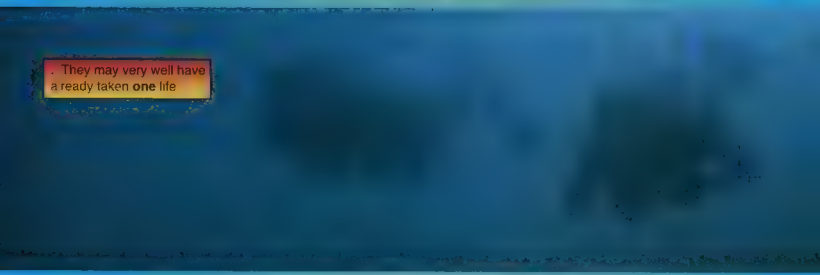

These guys trashed his experiments because he was too close to a salvage dive they were making. An old Spanish vessel.
Bobby found some silver pieces and some metal-detecting equipment near his project.
Treasure hunters.

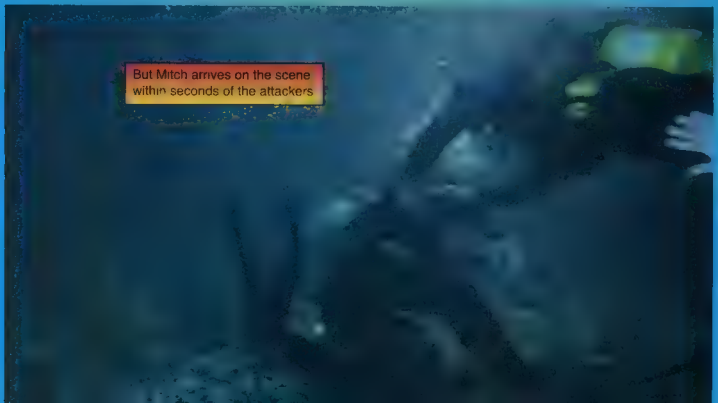

Far below, Stephanie begins to put the puzzle together for herself

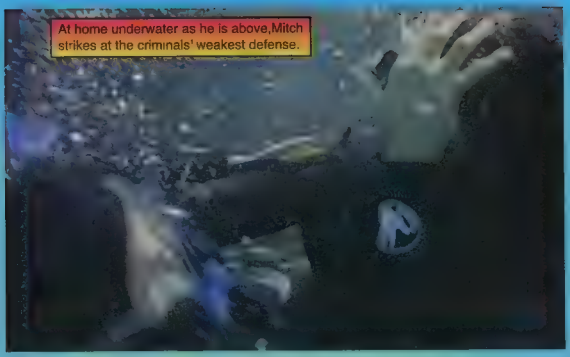

Minutes later.
She's not on the boat. I'm going down.


Two would-be murderers streak through the water, headed for Stephanie.


'What's to lose," they figure...


. They may very well have a ready taken **one** life


But Mitch arrives on the scene within seconds of the attackers


At home underwater as he is above,Mitch strikes at the criminals' weakest defense.


The very air they breath


Aboard the Scarab.
I said to keep your boat where it is, Mr. Cole!
BLAM!


I think you got his attention.


The chopper should be here any minute. I think the State Department might want to have a word with these creeps.
Hey, I think they're coming up.
They frown on people stealing artifacts.
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We got them!


You ready to take these guys off our hands, Garner?
Bring'em on over here Mitch.


"Where's Stephanie? Is she O.K.?"
"She's fine. In fact, she's right behind us."


Later that night
Hey, we just heard about Stephanie's close call out there. That's pretty wild--those treasure hunters were pretty bad news.
See what I mean, Mitch? It's the Santa Ana! All the kooks are out in **full force**--like Lisa said!
It's just a **coincidence,** CJ. These guys got greedy and mean, pure and simple.
There's nothing particularly weird about what's happening on the beach.
Excuse me.
There's a whole bunch of mimes riding bicycles into the surf...they won't let us swim.
Mimes...?
You were **saying,** Mitch?
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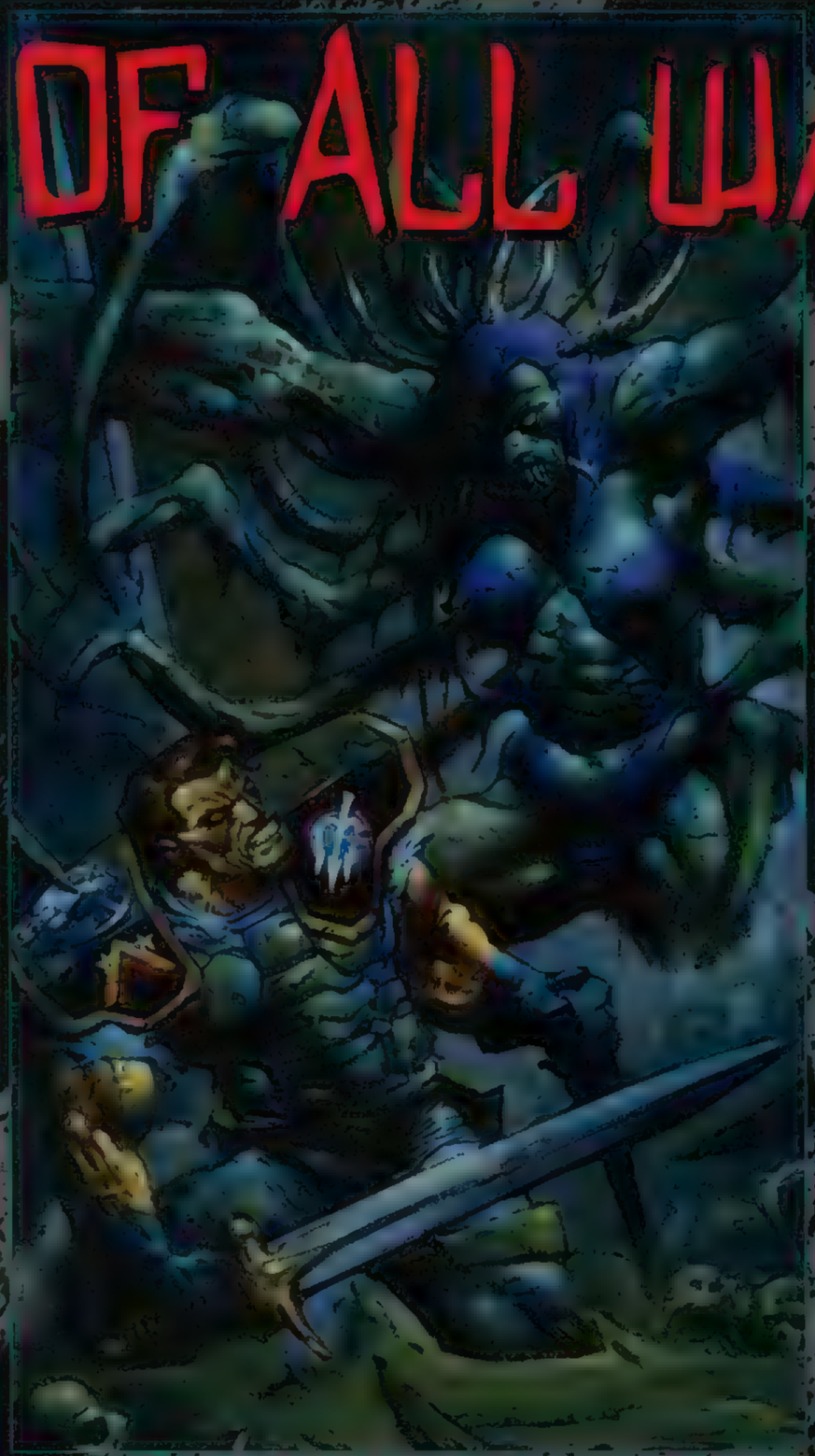
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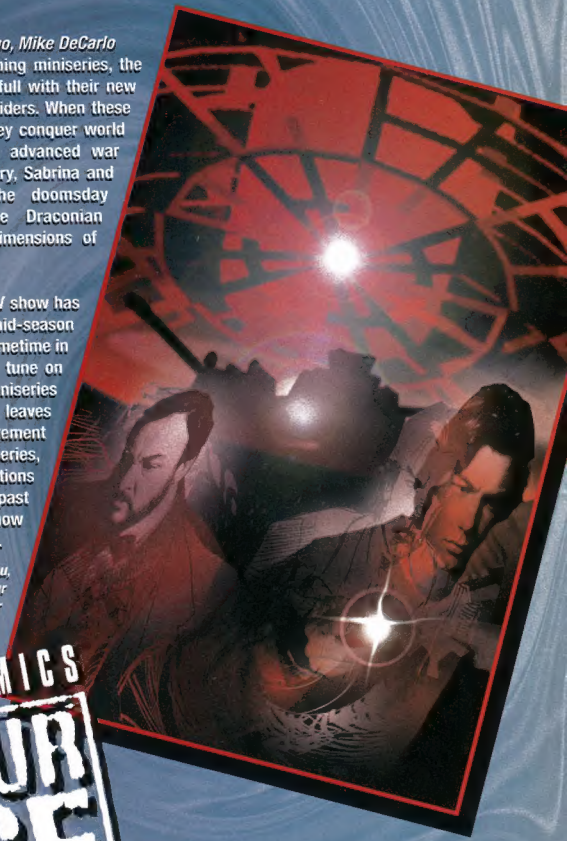
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